

Amendments to the Specification:

Please amend paragraph [038] as shown below:

[038] Fig. 23B is an exploded view of a floor mat according to an embodiment of the invention and Fig. 23A is a cross-sectional view of a component of the floor mat;

Please amend paragraph [0137] as shown below:

[0137] In consideration of the above, Fig. 23B is an exploded view of a floor mat according to yet another embodiment of the present invention. The floor mat includes a base portion underlayer 2300 formed as a substantially planar sheet of material of a pre-determined thickness and having a raised border 2303 circumscribing the planar sheet. The sheet of material includes a substantially planar surface 2302. The material may be a pliable, durable, water-resistant material such as vinyl, plastic or rubber, formed into the desired configuration by, for example, compression molding, injection molding, thermoforming, or other processes.

Please amend paragraph [0139] as shown below:

[0139] Further shown in Fig. 23B is a non-tacky layer 2304 of a pre-determined thickness configured to be received into base portion underlayer 2300 within the raised border 2303. A portion of the non-tacky layer may be permanently bonded to the base portion underlayer. The raised border 2303 may be formed as a "cove molding," wherein, as shown in cross-sectional view 23A-23A, beginning at an outer edge 2303.1, the material of the border slopes upwardly and inwardly. An inner edge 2303.2, i.e., a difference in height between the planar surface 2302 and a part of the raised border may be substantially equal to a thickness of the non-tacky layer 2304. The non-tacky layer has a cut-out area 2305 that conforms to the shape of the tacky insert, so that when the non-tacky layer and the base portion underlayer are put together, edges of the

cut-out area abut or are adjacent to the rim 2308, and the upper surface of the non-tacky layer is higher than the surface of the area 2301 for receiving the tacky insert. Thus, the base portion underlayer together with the non-tacky layer form a base portion having a recess configured to receive the tacky insert.